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Moon Child

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In the previous volumes of

Moon Child

we learned:

Jimmy has matured into a beautiful mermaid named Benjamin, and spends most of her time in that form. But she still reacts to events like she did before—when she came to Earth as a young boy. Her mother chose to love a human, and Sora's children are prophesied to determine the fate of the world. But prophecies are, by definition, unclear. Does Jimmy save the world by rejecting her mother's example and mating with a mermaid? Or by passing the human love Sora was denied?



JIMMY



GIL OWEN / TERUTO

Teruto made a deal with the underworld hag, and has taken possession of Gil Owen, scion of a powerful family. He used his new influence to set up a Brief Tour of Russia so he can interfere in Art and Jimmy's relationship, by forcing Art to share the merpeople's visions of disaster. He only has a short time left before he fades into the form of the sea, and he's doing all he can to ensure his beloved sibling Seth survives!

Seth is determined to protect Benjamin, even though that ruins his own chance to mature into a beautiful mermaid and bear Shannoch's eggs. He's tormented by visions of disaster—horrible events that the man-people see as evidence that his siblings are evil. But he knows that he and Jimmy are innocent...and he hasn't seen Teruto in months.



SETH



ARTEM ZAIKOV

Artem has joined the ballet tour, and revealed his secret to Art—they have the same father! He'd always been jealous, and took up ballet as a way of gaining their dad's approval. Now, he's poised to take Art's place not only in the show, but in Benjamin's life! Has already introduced her to his family in the Ukraine...three adorable nephews who live quite close to the nuclear plant in Chernobyl!

Shonach has a problem, as the season is his only chance to leave a family behind, can he continue to wait for Benjamin to mature? He knows that most men-people think their mating is the only hope to save the Earth, but he can't force her to abandon Art. And will his feelings toward Seth confuse the issue?



SHONACH



ART

Art never believed in anything supernatural, but he couldn't deny that strange things happened around his wood. The men-people's visions are making him think he's insane, and he's desperate to avert the disasters. But the only way he can see out is to kill Benjamin. Will his love for Jeremy force him to doom the planet?

Benjamin hoped this tour would bring her closer to Art by giving him a chance to accept her in her rare, mature form. Instead, the visions are leading him to completely distrust her—and fantasize about ending her life as a way to save the planet. Even worse, her own visions lead her to believe that might be the best way to fulfill the prophecy...



BENJAMIN



WHAT AN
OMNIFACIL
ZARON!

SACRED
JURY!

GLINDY!
GET OUT
THERE AND
TAKE A
JOY!

IT'S
NOT
STOPPING!

W
A
A





JIMMY...



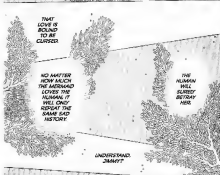
WHAT
WAS...



THAT
STRANGE
DREAM



A
MERMAID
MUST
NEVER
LOVE A
HUMAN



THAT
LOVE IS
BOUND
TO BE
CURSED

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
THE MERMAID
LOVES THE
HUMAN, IT
WILL ONLY
REPEAT THE
SAME SAD
HISTORY

THE
HUMAN
WILL
SURELY
SUFFER
MORE

UNDERSTAND,
JIMMY?



JIMMY?



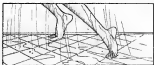


I KNOW
SHONACH
ISN'T
COMING
BACK.

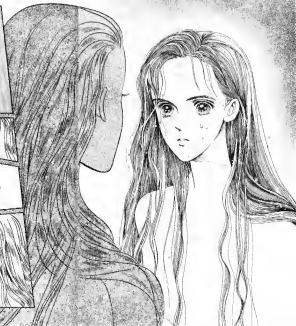
IF I KNEW
WHERE ALL
THAT WILL
HAPPEN
IS THAT
I'LL DIE
ALONE.













JIMMY!









YOU'VE
FINALLY
BECOME A
PERSON
JITH

MASTER
DYM

THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL
PERSON IN
THE WORLD



MASTER
DYM—
IS THE
MANAGER
AT THE
CHEMICAL
POWER
PLANT

FROM
WHO?

EXCUSE
ME, SIR.
THERE'S A
MESSAGE
FOR YOU





METER OWEN

I JUST RECEIVED AN ORDER TO
HALT THE EXPERIMENT FROM
SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE YOUR
REPRESENTATIVE. ON A MATTER
THIS IMPORTANT, I NEED TO
CONFIRM IT WITH YOU PERSONALLY.
IF I DON'T HEAR FROM YOU, I'LL
CONTINUE WITH THE EXPERIMENT
AS SCHEDULED.



IT'S
ME.

CONNECT
ME WITH
CHIP
BATMAN-
SD AT
CHERNO-



NOT
YET



LUCKY



HELLO...
MYSTERY
OWNER?

WHAT
DO
YOU...



YES?



I'VE
GOT TO
GOO
BEFORE A
LITTLE
LONGER...



I
CAN'T
FALL
ANymore

AND
IT
IS
GETTING...



AND
IT
IS
GETTING...



JUST A
LITTLE
LONGER...



I'VE GOT
CRIP
BETTERMENT
ON THE
LINE



IS
THIS...





IT'S LIKE
OUT OF
SOME
CARTOON...
ONLY
REX'S
LIPS ARE
MOVING.

YOU
HAVE
A
GLASS OF
MARTINI
EVERY
EVENING,
RIGHT?



IT'S
LIKE...

THE
SAME
AS
ALWAYS.

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING?



Is not





I'M COMPLETELY WELL NOW

FORGIVE ME FOR TAKING A LONG SICK LEAVE AT SUCH AN IMPORTANT TIME

MISTER GIL

I'M READY TO GET BACK TO WORK. ASK ME TO DO ANYTHING

IT SEEMS THAT IN MY ABSENCE, MICHELLE TOOK OVER MY DUTIES. I'LL HAVE TO THANK HER AS WELL

HOSPITALS REALLY ARE SUCH BORING PLACES... I'LL JUST ORGANIZE THESE PAPERS

I WANT TO GET BACK TO HELPING YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

WHY?



YOU'VE
BEEN
AWAY!

DIDN'T
YOU
HEAR
ME??

PUT
THOSE
PAPERS
DOWN!
GET
OUT!

SORRY,
BUT I
KNOW
EVERYTHING.

ABOUT
HOW
YOU
DON'T
HAVE
LONG
TO LIVE.

YOU
DON'T
NEED
TO
LIE
TO ME
ANYMORE

GA...



I KNOW YOU
KNEW ABOUT
ILAND! YOU
PUSHED ME
AWAY IN ORDER
TO SAVE ME
FROM BEING
HURT.

WHAT'S
MORE...



DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT.
KEEP THE
EXPERIMENT
GOING.

CHIEF

CHIEF

HELLO.
MISTER
OWENT

HELLO?



BUT, SIR!
THERE ARE
INTRUDERS
INSIDE THE
BUILDING.



I'M THE
CLOSEST
PERSON TO
YOU I
SHOULD HAVE
FIGURED IT
OUT SOONER.

IT
MUST
HAVE
BEEN
SO
HARSH.

YOUR
ILL-
NESS...

NO?

GENTLE
ON...

BUT WORSE,
I DIDN'T
REALIZE YOUR
KNOWNESS. I
WAS ACTU-
ALLY MAD AT
YOU...

YOU
CARED

YOU WERE
MORE
WORRIED
ABOUT ME
THAN YOU
WERE ABOUT
YOUR OWN
BODY.

NO?

STO—

YOU
CARED
ABOUT
ME...

I NEVER
CAME TO
VISIT YOU
IN THE
HOSPITAL!

STOP IT!
I DON'T
LOVE YOU
EVEN ONE
LITTLE BIT!

YOU'RE
MAKING
THIS IT
ALL!

SHH...

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
TELL THOSE
LIES
ANYMORE.

SHH. I
UNDER-
STAND
EVERYTHING.
OK.

WH
AM

IT'S ALL RIGHT
NO MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS.
I'LL ALWAYS BE
BY YOUR...



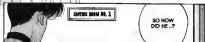






GIL!

DON'T
SOUND THE
ALARM. THE
INTRUDER
WILL NOTICE.





HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
WHAT YOUR
OWN BOSS
LOOKS LIKE?

ARE ALL
YOU
YOUNG
TECHNI-
CIANS THIS
STUPID?

YOU
ASKED:
"WHO
AM I?"

B
L
A
M

HEH?

THE
CHIEF

YOU'RE

ARE YOU
CRAZY??
OF COURSE
I KNOW
WHAT THE
BOSS
LOOKS
LIKE!

NO!

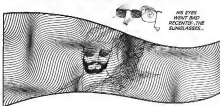
MORE
WASAY?

THE
CHIEF IS
MORE...

NO!



WHAT DOES THE
CHIEF LOOK
LIKE?







YES...THAT'S
ALL WHO
ENTERED THE
GROUNDS
TODAY...NO
SUSPICIOUS
PERSONS...

YES...



IT'S BECAUSE
YOU'VE BEEN
ASLEEP AT
YOUR POST
ISN'T IT?



EXCIT! THEN
WHY IS AN
INTRUDER
APPEARING
ON THE
MONITOR??



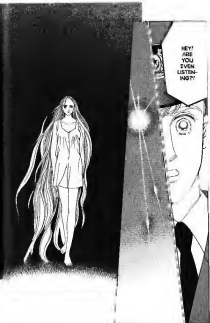
THEY
KNOW I
WASN'T A
BROTHER
OR AN
ALLY...



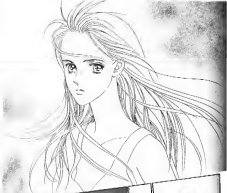
EVEN IF I WERE
ASLEEP, OR
LOOKING AWAY,
WE'VE GOT AN
IRON FENCE WITH
HIGH-VOLTAGE
WIRE...THERE'S NO
WAY A...

BUT
LIEUTEN-
ANT, THAT
CAN'T BE.























BENJAMIN?



**BENJA-
MIN!
BEHIND
YOU!**









BOOM BOOM

GAH!





ALWAYS

BRO-
NACH

IT'S
ALWAYS
THE SAME

YES, I
UNDER-
STAND

BENJAMIN

I'LL DO
WHAT YOU
WISH.

EVEN AT THE
END, THAT'S THE
ONLY NAME YOU
CALL.

THAT'S
STRANGE!
JUST A BIT
AGO, HE
TOLD ME
TO
PREPARE
FOR THE
TRIP!
CONTACT
HIM!

WELL, AN
ORDER TO
SAY DIRECT
CAME OUT
OF MASTER
WU'S OFFICE.

WHY?

YOU
RETURNED
THE
PRIVATE
JET FOR
NEW
YORK?









WHO IN THE WORLD DID YOU LEAVE THAT TOP IF ONLY YOU'D LEFT IT TO ME, I'D HAVE SURELY DELIVERED HIM TO AMERICA, AND AFTER THAT—

DON'T WORRY THE WOMAN IS CRAZY BEYOND SHE SAYS IS TRUE.

NO!



WHAT...

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

DIDN'T YOU KNOW?



I THOUGHT THAT BOY HAD RETURNED TO AMERICA, BUT I WAS WRONG.



SETH ALMOST HAD GONE TO AMERICA WITH ADAMS.



HOW DID ADAMS ALMOST SHOW HIS FACE AFTER THAT?

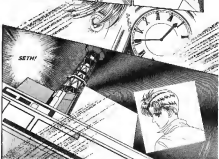
WHEN?



HOW IS IT?



DR. ACTUALLY BROKE OPEN L...



MY
GOD...
IT'S
THE
TOOL...













STOP IT!



PLEASE
LOOK! IT'S
DANGEROUS
TO CONTINUE
THE
EXPERIMENT.

THE FURNACE
REACTION IS
GRADUALLY
DIMINISHING,
AND THE
COMPUTER
DATA IS
TELLING US TO
CEASE
IMMEDIATELY

AT THIS
STAGE WE
SHOULD
STOP THE
EXPERIMENT.



THE STEAM
PRESSURE IS
TOO LOW! AT
THIS RATE,
THE REACTOR
WILL STOP!

IT'S
NO
GOOD.



CHEF!



THIS
ONE,
TOO!



CHEF!!



ALL OF
YOU
RETURN
TO YOUR
POSTS!



WHATEVER
HAPPENING,
CONTINUE
THE
EXPERIMENT!





AT THIS RATE, THE REACTOR WILL START SHUTTING DOWN.

THERE'S AN IRREGULARITY IN THE CIRCUIT OF REACTOR NUMBER THREE.



WHAT IS IT NOW?

OH, WE GOT TROUBLE!

AND CONNECT IT TO THE BIR.



TAKE THE REACTOR...



THEN IF I CUT THE ANTERIOR CIRCUIT, THE REACTOR SHOULD SHUT DOWN.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?

FWASH



WHAT THE
HELL ARE
YOU
DOING IN
HERE?









I WILL
PROTECT
YOUR
LIFE.

THE
EMER-
GENCY
SHUT-
DOWN OF
REACTOR
NUMBER
THREE.



WHY
ARE
YOU
HERE?

SENJA-
WAN?



IF THE
WOUND
GETS
TREADED,
YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO SEE
AGAIN.

IT'S
ALL
RIGHT.





MASTER
GIL.

OH...



THIS COLOR
GOES SO
WELL WITH
THE BLOND IN
YOUR HAIR.
IT'S ALMOST
ENRAPTURING.



YOU'RE
AS HAND-
SOME AS
ALWAYS.
I LIKE
THIS SUIT
THE BEST.



EVEN AFTER
SOMETHING
POSSESSED
YOU AND YOU
CHANGED
SUDDENLY...

BUT
MAYBE



FROM
LONG
BEFORE
I MET
YOU...

AND
THEN



I ALWAYS
LOVED
YOU MY
GIL—SO
SMART, SO
BEAUTIFUL.



ALWAYS



I LOVED
YOU LIKE
THAT EVEN
MORE.



IN YOUR
PLACE, I'LL
FALL INTO
HELL.

SO ALL THE
SINS YOU'VE
COMMITTED
TILL NOW WILL
BE FORGIVEN.



YOUR
SINS...

AND YOUR
PUNISHMENT
FOR THEM.
I'LL TAKE
THEM ONTO
MYSELF.



GL.



THEN
YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO
GO TO
HEAVEN.

YOUR SOUL WILL
BE JUST LIKE A
NEWBORN
BABY—PURE
AND BEAUTIFUL.







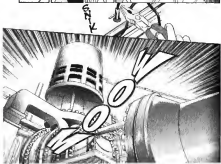


INTRODUCED
A NEW
TO THE
2000











THERE'S A
RAPID POWER
SLURGE IN THE
NUMBER FOUR
REACTOR!

THE NUMBER
THREE REACTOR
WENT INTO
EMERGENCY
SHUT-DOWN!

WHAT
HAP-
PENED?



CHRY!

GRU-
NACH!

OH
NO!

THIS IS FORMAL!
I'VE SHUT DOWN
THE ALARMED
THREE REACTOR!



BENJAMIN
—WHERE'S
THE GUN?

SHO-
NACHI!
DON'T
MOVE!
YOUR
EYE...



THE
GUN
YOU
HAVE IT.
DON'T
TOUT!

KLING!

THE
GUN
YOU
HAVE IT.
DON'T
TOUT!



THIS
PLACE IS
ABOUT
TO BLOW
UP!
HURRY!

TAKE IT
AND GET
OUT OF
HERE!
NOW!



SHOINACHI

ONNO

IT'S TOO LATE!
THE ACCIDENT
IS HAPPENING!
WE CAN'T STOP
IT!

DEPENDING
ON THE WIND
DIRECTION,
RADIOACTIV-
ITY COULD
FALL ON KIEV.

SHO-
NACH...

SHONACH!

HURRY AND
GET ART AND
SETH OUT OF
KIEV...

SHONACH!
THE
BLOOD...

GO ON. SO!
I CAN'T MOVE
ANYMORE...

NO! YOU NEED
IMMEDIATE
HELP!

GET
GOING, BENJAMIN!

BENJA-
MIN.

I'LL BE
DONE QUICK.
JUST HOLD
STILL.

IT'S
OKAY.
LEAVE
IT
ALONE.

WAIT. LET
ME FIX
YOUR
BANDAGE.

I'LL BE
DEAD
SOON. NO
MATTER
HOW
MUCH
HELP YOU
GIVE ME.



IN THAT
CASE, I'LL
DIE HERE
WITH YOU





FROM
THAT VERY
FIRST TIME
I SAW
YOU.

I
ALWAYS
LOVED
YOU.

BE-LIA-
MIN.

I COULD
NEVER
EVEN LOOK
AT ANYONE
ELSE.

BEAUTIFUL
RENNAM.

EVEN
THOUGH I
KNEW
YOU
LOVED
ART.



...

AND
NOW
YOU'RE
HERE.

SHO-
NACH
—

I KEPT
THINKING
OF YOU ALL
THE WAY TO
THE END.







AND
NOW...



I WANT
TO SAVE
SETH IN
KEY.



BANG















ART!



ART!

ART!

ART!

NO!

A CLEANING
PERSON
WITNESSED IT.

SO HE
STABBED
HIMSELF.

THE
PRINTS
ON IT
ARE HIS
OWN.

HERE'S
THE
WEAPON.

ONE STAB
WOUND
TO THE
CHEST.

COULDN'T
BELIEVE IT.

YEAH,
THAT'S
RIGHT.

YEAH

PEOPLE
AREN'T
USUALLY
THERE THEN.

I ALWAYS GO
THERE 30
MINUTES BEFORE
WORK.

IT WAS
ACUTE
THAN
HUNGRY.
LIKE SHE
HAD SOME
KIND OF
SPIRIT.

THE GIRL
HAD
ESPECIALLY
BEAUTIFUL.

I HAPPENED
TO SEE THIS
REALLY
GOOD-
LOOKING
COUPLE.



SUD-
DENDY...



I KEPT
STANDING

IT
WAS
MY
ATTEN-
TION.



OR SO I
THOUGHT.



THE GIRL
HAD
STARTED.



AND
TWIN



WHAT
DID THE
GIRL
DO?

THE GUY
STAMPEDED
HIMSELF
IN THE
CHEST.



SHE TURNED
INTO THAT
LITTLE BOY

EVEN
NOW...

WHAT?

IT'S
THAT
KID.



EVEN NOW I
DON'T
BELIEVE
WHAT I SAW
WITH MY
OWN EYES.

IT WAS
LATE...

CINDERELLA'S
MAGIC HAD
WORN OFF.

AR

FLASH



YES.

OPERATION
IN PROGRESS

HOW
CAN I
DESCRIBE
IT?

THAT'S
HOW IT
FEELS.

A SPIRIT
REINCARNATED
AS A HUMAN.

THE
RIGHT
LUNG...

AND
THE
AORTIC
ARCH
TRIALMA.





GIVE HIM
MORE
BLOOD



IT'S
DISTRACT-
ING HIS
BREATHING



ART?



ART?

ART?



DOCTOR



ART?

HIS
PULSE IS
GETTING
WEAKER

ART?









SHO-
NACHI



I
LOVE
YOU.

SHO-
NACHI...



TELL
TAKI AND
I LEFT IN
RYUK...

I'M
SAYING



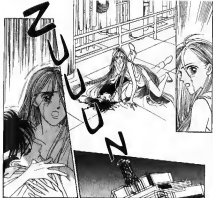
SHO-
NACHI













BAM



MORE
THAN THE
PRECIOUS
LIVES OF
ALL THE
OTHER
PEOPLE...

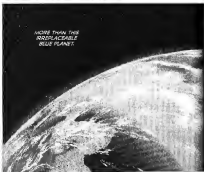
SOMEHOW
I JUST
HASN'T
ABLE TO
KILL
JIMMY.

I'M
SORRY.

GOD.

WHETHER
SHE WAS A
BITCH OR
NOT...

I LOVE
THEY
KID.





ART!



"WALKING THE
SEASIDE, ONE OF
THEM WILL LOVE
YOU SO MUCH
THAT YOU ARE
WORTH TO HIM
DREAM HIS WIFE
OR MOTHER.



"THROW THE
BOTTOM OF MY
HEART HE WILL
LOVE YOU!



"BUT THERE
FOR THE FIRST
TIME THE
WANTS SOUL
WILL
CONSUME
GIVE HIM
FOLLOW ME
AND YOU TOO
DARE OF ME!
TO UNDER-
STAND A
MOTHER'S
HAPPINESS.



"WE WILL
PROMISE TO BE
TRUE TO YOU
NEED AND
RE-ENTER-HE
WILL WITH YOU
AND PLEASE.

"YES, I
UNDER-
STAND."

"YES."

"WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
DEAR?"



"THERE IS
ONLY THIS
ONE THING
I CAN."



FROM HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN'S THE LITTLE MERMAID



MANY
HUNDREDS
OF YEARS
AGO...

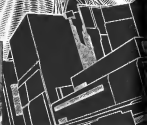
"I UNDER-
STAND."

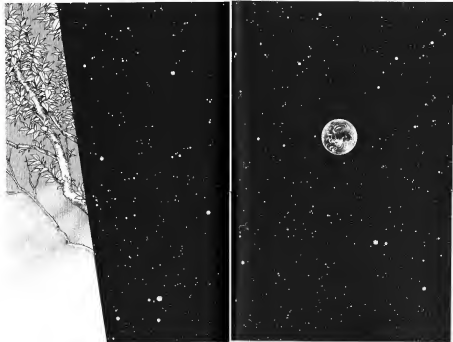
THE MERMAIDS
DREAM ALOFT
HAVE COME
TRUE...SCAT-
TERED IN THE
FORM OF THE
WATER.





MIRACLE OF
HAPPENING







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WHAT A
BEAUTIFUL
MORNING!
SKY.

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UH, LET'S
SEE... ONE OF
THE BIG
CHOCOLATE
CAKES THERE
ON THE FAR
RIGHT, AND FIVE
CRACKERS.

CAKE
ICE CREAM
12.50
FLAKES

COCONUT
ICE CREAM

IT'D LIKE
TO WORK
TOGETHER
SOME-
TIME.

IF YOU CAN EVER
GET TO THE POINT
WHERE YOU CAN
FORGIVE MY PAST
BEHAVIOR...

BUT IF YOU EAT
NOTHING BUT
CHOCOLATE, IT WILL
DESTROY THAT
BEAUTIFUL FACE.

SHINY! I
DON'T LIKE
BEING THE ONE
TO TELL YOU
THIS...

FIVE

WELL,
CONGRATULA-
TIONS
HOW OLD
ARE YOU?

IT'S
OKAY.

TODAY'S
MY
BIRTHDAY,
SO IT'S
SPECIAL.



BUT
EVEN
SO...



YEAH,
JUST LIKE
ALWAYS. SHE'S A
STRANGE
GIRL.

WAS THAT
BEAUTY-
FUL
GIRL
SMART?



OHAY,
THANKS
FOR
EVERY-
THING.



MARK
APRIL 26
ON YOUR
CALEN-
DAR!

IT'S BEEN
FIVE YEARS
TO THE DAY
SINCE I
BECAME A
HUMAN.



NOW
SHE'S A
RADI-
ANT
JEWEL.

Changed in
five years.



FIVE
YEARS
AGO, SHE
LOOKED
LIKE A
BOY.



SHE'S
READY
GOTTEN
BEAUTIFUL.
HUP?



MISTER
KOHRY IS
THE
FIRST-EVER
JAPANESE
ASTRO-
NOMT.

FROM THE
ROCKET
MANHOLE
CAPTAIN
MAHORI
KOHRY AND
RICHARD
GRAY.



WE'RE SPEAKING
TO THE THREE
ASTRONOMITE
THAT ON MAY
8TH OF NEXT
YEAR WILL BE
HANDING THE
OCTET MISSION
TO MARK



GOOD!
MORNING.
EVERYONE.
TODAY IS
SUNDAY, APRIL
26, 1997.





NO HUMANS
ARE FINALLY
HEADING TO
MARS...

I'M FINALLY
CONVINCED
THAT IT WILL BE
A WORTHWHILE
DISCOVERY
FOR MANKIND

AS THE FIRST
JAPANESE ASTRO-
NAUT I NEVER
DREAMED THAT I'D
BE THE ON THE
FIRST MANNED
MISSION TO
EXPLORE SPACE



IT'S A
NEW ERA
FOR
HUMAN
DEMONS

1987
AT A U.S.-SOVIET SUMMIT, THE
INTERMEDIATE RANGE NUCLEAR FORCES
TREATY AND THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE
INITIATIVE WERE SIGNED

1988
A JOINT SOVIET-JAPANESE LUNAR
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SPONSORED
BY THE OMEN GROUP DISCOVERS AN
ALTERNATIVE TO NUCLEAR POWER

1989
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
CONVERTS TO DEMOCRACY
BY SABATO SIXT PEACE PLAN CARRIED
FLIGHT TO HARMO, OCTET 1 EXPLORER
CRAFT WAS STARTED

1990
THE SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER SPACE
STATION #1 IS COMPLETED



A CLEAN
ALTERNATIVE TO
NUCLEAR
POWER WAS
ALSO DISCOV-
ERED

THE BULF REGION
DANGERS WERE
AVERTED JUST
BEFORE TURNING
INTO WAR



IN THIS
WAY,
LITTLE BY
LITTLE...

1991
MADONNA DESIGN IS OVERSTOCKED
BY ACCOUNTS, LTA
1992
OCTET 1X LAUNCHED

JULY 25, 1969

HUMANS
HAVE
LANDED ON
MOON FOR
THE FIRST
TIME.

SUC-
CESSFUL
LANDING

W
A
A

HUMANS
TOO, ARE
EVOLVING.

PROGRESS
TOWARDS THE
AIM OF
SHORTENING
OF TOTAL
FLIGHT TIME
HAS BEEN A
SUCCESS!

WE
DID
IT!

IN NEW YORK,
TOKYO, PARIS
AND AROUND
THE WORLD,
REAROUNDS
OF AFTERNOON
OR EVENING
PRAISES ARE
BEING HELD.

IT'S THE
DREAM OF
SPACE
TRAVEL!

THE
LANDSCAPE
SPREADS
OUT BEHIND
ME IS
MARBLE.

EVERYONE
CAN YOU
SEE ME?
THIS IS
BRANDON
KONG



THIS MOMENT
MARKS THE
BEGINNING
OF HUMAN
HISTORY ON
MARS.



THIS IS
CHRYSE
PLANIA
ON MARS.

BUT IN FIFTY
YEARS, A HUMAN
COLONY WILL
EMERGE THAT
SUPPORTS
ITSELF WITH AIR,
WATER AND
FOOD.



AS IT IS NOW,
WE CAN'T
SURVIVE
WITHOUT A
SPACE SUIT ON
THE AIRLESS,
WATERLESS,
BARREN RED
PLAIN.

ONE OR TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS FROM
NOW, IT MAY
WILL BECOME
A BEAUTIFUL
SECOND
EARTH.



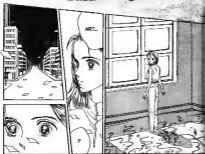
MOSS AND
LICHEN WILL
GROW ON THE
RED SOIL, WHICH
WILL CREATE
OXYGEN FOR AN
ATMOSPHERE.



JUST
LIKE A
DREAM



...AND
MAKING IT
A REALITY?



WE
HUMANS
ARE TRACKING
THIS
DREAM...







BUT I NEVER
SAW HIS
FACE. HE DIED
BEFORE I
WAS BORN.

MY
FATHER
WAS
SHOWACH.

SHE'S
DEAD
NOW...

I WAS
ALREADY IN
HER BELLY
WHEN MAMA
BETH TURNED
INTO A FEMALE.

BETH AND
SHOWACH...?

I SEE...

OH...



MUCH
FURTHER.

FUR-
THER.

I'M
GOING
INTO THE
UNIVERSE.

BEYOND
SATURN

BEYOND
PLUTO...
FAR, FAR
AWAY...





BUT I'LL
DEFINITELY
COME
BACK.



AFTER A
FEW
HUNDRED
YEARS, IN
THE
SPRINGING
TIME...

TO LAY
EGGS.



TERUTO

WELL...
THIS TIME,
IT'S YOUR
TURN...



TERUTO.

I'LL
DEFINITELY
RETURN
TO THIS
PLANET.





BEAUTIFUL
BEAUTIFUL
SETH...

IF SOME DAY I
COULD BECOME A
FEMALE AND LAY
DOWN...

SO
KIND

...



AFTER TERUTO
THE STORM-
BOLT
ROARED
ONE OF
US

I'LL
NAME IT
TERUTO!











NEXT YEAR ON
APRIL
24TH...

WHEN
YOUR
SEVENTH
BIRTHDAY
COMES...



IT
SEEMS
LIKE A
DREAM.



IT'S LIKE
IT'S NOT
REAL.

THERE
ARE SO
MANY
HAPPY
BEAUTI-
FUL
THINGS...



WHY
ARE YOU
CRYING?

IT'S
GOOD
ENOUGH,
ISN'T IT?



I DON'T
KNOW.

I DON'T
KNOW.



JEANNE
...

LET'S GET
MARRIED.



THE
SUNSHINE
FESTIVAL



JENNY

IT'S BEEN ONE
YEAR SINCE
WE FIRST MET
AND I CAN'T
BELIEVE HOW
FAST TIME
HAS GONE BY

IT'S BEEN
ONE YEAR
SINCE THE
DAY

JENNY
NEEDS HAVE
CHANGED
FROM
AFTERNOON
TO AFTERNOON...

AS WE DEPART
FROM THIS
GARDEN, SHE WILL
PROTECT IT IN
OUR STEAD



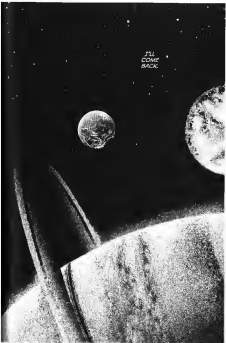
I WONDER IF

AFTER A FEW
HUNDRED
YEARS IN THE
REMAINING
TIME I'LL
DEFINITELY
RETURN TO
THIS PLANET

WY THIS
BEAUTIFUL
PLANET
NEVER
CHANGE..



I'LL
COME
BACK







ALEXEI

YOU
HAVEN'T
CHANGED
AT ALL. I
KNEW
INSTANTLY.



I
KNEW
IT.



UH...UH...ARE YOU
REALLY THAT LITTLE
ALEXEI? YOU DON'T
LOOK ANY DIFFERENT
FROM ME...I DON'T
BELIEVE IT!



GOOD
AFTERNOON.
COMING TO
AMERICA HAS
ALWAYS BEEN
MY DREAM.

THANKS FOR
INVITING ME.



OH, AND I
BROUGHT
THIS...



I'VE EVEN
GOTTEN
GOOD AT
ENGLISH.

IT'S
BEEN
EIGHT
YEARS.







AFTER THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR ACCIDENT ALEREI DEVELOPED LEUKEMIA. AS A SIDE EFFECT OF THE CHEMOTHERAPY HE LOST ALL HIS HAIR.

WHY DID WE HAVE TO SUFFER AND DIE?



IT MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE ACCIDENT.



SINCE LAST YEAR THERE'S BEEN A SUDDEN INCREASE IN BIRTH DEFECTS AMONG NEWBORNS.



CURRENTLY 800,000 PEOPLE LIVE HERE.

THERE ARE STRICT CONTROLS ON PEOPLE COMING HERE TO BOMEL CITY. IT'S POLLUTED WITH ONE TO FIVE CURIES PER SQUARE KILOMETER.



THE CURRENT AIR QUALITY IN KUWAIT CITY IS LIKE SMOKING 300 CIGARETTES IN AN HOUR.



THE ECOSYSTEM SUFFERED INCREDIBLE DAMAGE FROM THE GULF WAR IN 1991.

THE LOS
ANGELES
RIOTS
OF 1992.

OIL SPILLS
IN THE
PERSIAN
GULF.

THE
TIANANMEN
SQUARE
MASSACRE.

THE
LARGEST-
EVER HOLE IN
THE OZONE
OVER THE
SOUTH POLE.





WORLD
DESTRIC-
TION AND
GLOBAL
WARMING.



ALL OF
IT.

ALL OF IT
BEGAN
WITH THAT
ACCIDENT.



JIMMY!



GH...

JIMMY!





CHERNOBYL
EXPLODED!



THE
EXPLOSION!

YOU
SUDDENLY
COL-
LAPSED...

JIMMY!
WHAT'S
WROUGHT



WE DIDN'T
AVOID THE
ACCIDENT!
ALEX!

J I M M Y



J I M M Y

ALEX!
DIED FOUR
YEARS
AGO! A
YEAR
BROKE
OUT!



NOT A
SINGLE
PERSON
DIED THERE,
LOOM!

TWO YEARS
AGO
CHERNOBYL
SHUT DOWN
WITHOUT
ACCIDENT

WHY ARE
YOU
FEELING
DOUBT
YOU
KNOW?

WE'RE
DON'T
NO
ACCIDENT
IS
CURSED



I TELL
PEOPLE
THAT IT'S
THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL
PLACE IN
THE WORLD



JIMMY...



JIMMY,
I'M
ALIVE.



I'M NOT SICK
ANYWHERE.
GLADYS AND
CONSTANTINE,
TOO.



IN KEN
CROPS OF
WHEAT ARE
GROWING.

IN THE
SPRING, LOTS
OF APPLE
AND ALMOND
TREES
BLOOM.



NEXT TIME,
I WANT
YOU TO
COME VISIT
THERE.



WHAT
IS IT,
JIMMY?

THIS IS
REALLY
THE
EARTH?



THAT'S
RIGHT,
JIMMY.
IT'S ALL
TRUE.

AND
PLANS
REALLY
WENT TO
HARSH?

NO WAR
BROKE
OUT?



THAT'S
RIGHT.

SO...
NOTHING
HAP-
PENED?

IT WAS
SCARY.



A WAR
HAPPENED.

I SAW THE
WORLD
AFTER
CHERNOBYL
BLEW UP.





YOU CAN GO
BUY IT IN A
DEPARTMENT
STORE.

LOOK, THIS
IS RED
MARTIAN
SAND.



YOU GO
BACK TO
SLEEP.



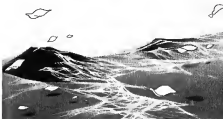
ZIMMY



HUMANS
ARE
DEFINITELY
PRO-
GRESSING



THEY JUST
ANNOUNCED
PLANS FOR A
MANNED
MISSION TO
EUROPA, THE
MOON OF
JUPITER.



AND
FORGET
THAT
TERRIBLE
DREAM.





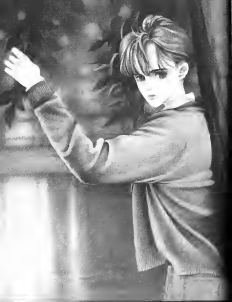


月子

SHOEN GOSHO

Bonus art





月子 MOON CHILD

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MISSED A VOLUME? CATCH UP NOW!



Moon Child

By Reiko Shimizu Now that the entire series is complete, fill in any gaps in your collection! Don't miss anything—from the first time Jimmy fell to Earth, to the first time Shonoch kissed her, to the first time she wore her panties on her head. The fate of the Earth hangs in the balance. .



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